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MANILA FOR USDEL TO WFC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, OCON, UNWFC

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

GOR PRESIDENCY APPROVED RWANDAN DELEGATION TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON JUNE 16. DELEGATION TO BE LED BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK FREDERIC NZAMAURAMBAHO; PRINCIPAL ALTERNATE EMMANUEL HITAYEZU, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRONOMY; AND AN OFFICER (NAME UNKNOWN) OF THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN PARIS.

2. AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER (STATE 117059)

DELIVERED DELEGATION LEADER. END UNCLASSIFIED  
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3. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE FOLLOWS:  
NZAMURAMBAHO, 35, HAS BEEN RWANDA'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK SINCE JUNE 1975. HE OBTAINED A DEGREE IN AGRONOMY FROM UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN, BELGIUM, IN 1969 AND OCCUPIED A NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVICE POSTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD PRIOR TO BEING NAMED MINISTER. HE HAS THE UNENVIABLE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF GOR'S LEAST COMPETENT  
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MINISTERS--FREQUENTLY BEING OUTMANEUVERED IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. HE HAS MADE FEW MAJOR DECISIONS AND APPARENTLY PERMITS HIS EXTREMELY CAPABLE SECRETARY GENERAL TO RUN THE MINISTRY ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. DESPITE HIS LACK OF COMPETENCE, HE IS SENSITIVE TO SLIGHTS AND CAN BE AN OBSTRUCTIVE ENEMY IF NOT SHOWN THE DEFERENCE DUE HIS POSITION. HE IS NOT A PARTICULARLY POSITIVE FRIEND.

4. BIOGRAPHIC DATA PRINCIPAL ALTERNATE, EMMANUEL HITAYEZU, FOLLOWS:

A FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE, HITAYEZU, 43, IS PAST HIS PRIME. WHILE COMPETENT AND HARD-WORKING, WITH VERY STRONG IDEAS, DURING HIS TENURE AS SECGEN HE WAS INTRACTABLE AND OFTEN OBSTRUCTIONIST DURING NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO THE SIGNING OF THE I.D. PROJECT IN RWANDA. FOLLOWING HIS REMOVAL IN 1974, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR OF A PYRETHRUM EXTRACT PRODUCING COOPERATIVE, UNDERTOOK SEVERAL ILL-CONSIDERED AND HEADSTRONG ACTIONS TO REORGANIZE IT, AND WAS AGAIN REMOVED IN EARLY 1976. AFTER HIS RECOVERY FROM A BOUT WITH ALCOHOLISM IN MID-1976, HE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AGRONOMY. HITAYEZU HAS NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY FOND OF AMERICANS. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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